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- 1. A method of constructing a lookup table of modes for encoding data for transmission in a wireless communication channel from a transmit unit to a receive unit, said method comprising:
 - a) selecting at least one quality parameter of said data as received by said receive unit;
 - b) determining a first-order statistical parameter of said at least one quality parameter;
 - c) determining a second-order statistical parameter of said at least one quality parameter; and
 - d) arranging said modes in said lookup table based on said first-order statistical parameter and based on said second-order statistical parameter.
 - 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said first-order statistical parameter and said second-order statistical parameter are determined from a simulation of said wireless communication channel.
 - 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said first-order statistical parameter and said second-order statistical parameter are determined from a field measurement of said wireless communication channel.
 - 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - a) selecting a communication parameter;

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- b) setting a target value of said communication parameter; and
- c) arranging said modes in said lookup table based on said target value.
- 5. The method of claim 4, wherein said communication parameter is selected from the group consisting of bit error rate, packet error rate, data capacity, signal quality, spectral efficiency and throughput.
- 6. The method of claim 4, wherein said communication parameter is a statistical communication parameter.
- 7. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 - a) measuring a measured value of said communication parameter in said wireless communication channel;
 - b) assigning an adjustment to at least one of said first-order statistical parameter and said second-order statistical parameter based on a difference between said measured value and said target value.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said quality parameter is a short-term quality parameter.

- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said second-order statistical parameter comprises a variance of said short-term quality parameter.
 - 10. The method of claim 9, wherein said variance is selected from the group consisting of temporal variance and frequency variance.
- 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said short-term quality parameter is selected from the group consisting of signal-to-interference and noise ratio, signal-to-noise ratio and power level.
- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein said first-order statistical parameter comprises a mean of said at least one quality parameter.
- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein said second-order statistical parameter comprises a variance of said at least one quality parameter.
 - 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said data is transmitted at more than one frequency and said variance is a frequency variance.
 - 15. The method of claim 13, wherein said data is transmitted in a multi-carrier scheme and said variance is a frequency variance.

| 1 | | | 16. The method of claim 13, wherein said variance is |
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| 1 | | 17. | The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting step |
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| 1 | 18. | A st | orage medium tangibly embodying a lookup table of modes |
| 2 | | for | encoding data for transmission in a wireless |
| 3 | | comm | unication channel from a transmit unit to a receive |
| 4 | | unit | , said storage medium comprising instructions for: |
| 11 5 | | a) | selecting at least one quality parameter of said data |
| 16 | | | as received by said receive unit; |
| | | b) | determining a first-order statistical parameter of |
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| * | | c) | determining a second-order statistical parameter of |
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| ##1 ##1 | | d) | arranging said modes in said lookup table based on |
| 12 | | | said first-order statistical parameter and based on |
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| 1 | | 19. | The storage medium of claim 18, further comprising |
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| 6 | | | c) arranging said modes in said lookup table based |

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on said target value.

- 20. The storage medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions for:
 - a) measuring a measured value of said communication parameter in said wireless communication channel;
 - b) assigning an adjustment to at least one of said first-order statistical parameter and said second-order statistical parameter based on a difference between said measured value and said target value.